

BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

WHO Will Be Elected
President of the United States at the Coming Election?
HOW MANY VOTES
WILL HE GET?

The West Virginian
Proposes to Give
the Best Guess-
ers Some Lib-
eral Prizes.

HERE IS THE PLAN:

We will give to our Patrons and Subscribers
\$250.00 IN GOLD
on the following conditions:
To the person estimating the exact number, or
the nearest the exact number of votes cast for the
winner in the Presidential contest, we will give
\$100.00 in gold.
To the person guessing the next nearest num-
ber, \$50.00 in gold.
To the third nearest guesses, \$25.00 in gold.
To the five next nearest, each \$10.00.
To the five next nearest, each \$5.00 in gold.
The thirteen people in this case will be the
lucky ones.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST:

1. Each person who is a regular subscriber to
the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to
one guess. 2. Each person paying one dollar for
a three months' subscription to the West Virginian
beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess.
3. Any person paying in advance, for one year will
be entitled to four estimates, or for any part of a
year in the same manner, each one dollar paid on
subscription entitling the subscriber to a guess. 4.
Any person securing two subscribers for three
months and paying us two dollars, will be entitled
to one guess, or additional guesses in the same pro-
portion, one guess for each two dollars, sent in.
The person securing the subscription will be en-
titled to guess and the persons subscribing will also
be entitled to guesses.

TO AID IN MAKING THE ESTIMATE:

In 1892,
Grover Cleveland received 5,552,351 votes.
Benjamin Harrison received 5,176,336 votes.
In 1896,
William McKinley received 7,111,607 votes.
William J. Bryan received 6,509,052 votes.
In 1900,
William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.
William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.
The guess or guesses of each individual will be
kept secret. Who will be the first to record his
guess? Remember it begins on Wednesday, July 6.
Some one will get first prize, why not you?

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Some nice lots on Hamilton Hill for
sale, at a good bargain. H. H. Lan-
ham.

THE HEAD ON THE FLOOR.

Startling Incident Accompanying the
Death of a Slave Trader.

In a squalid court in Edinburgh
many years ago a man who had been
notorious for his cruelties as a slave
trader lay dying. Mental terror made
his end appalling to witness. Accord-
ing to Scotch custom, the family open-
ed the door to let the spirit pass. To
their infinite horror, the bloody head of
a black man suddenly rolled into the
room. The family shrieked with fright.
The man on the bed gave a yell of ter-
ror. They turned to his bedside, but
he expired as they watched him. When
they looked toward the door again, the
head had disappeared. There was a
splash of fresh blood upon the floor to
mark the spot where it had been, but
nothing else to certify that the horrid
sight had not been a creation of morbid
imagination.

This appearance of a negro's head in
the room of a man dying after he had
committed innumerable barbarities up-
on black slaves was a strange coinci-
dence and nothing more. Professor
Owen, the famous anatomist, had been
attending an anatomical lecture where
the body of a negro had been dissected.
He was taking the head home with him
to examine it more carefully. The
stomach was wet and slippery. Just as
he was passing the open door of the
house in which the man lay dying he
tripped, and the head, slipping from
the cloth in which he had it, rolled
into the little room. The cry of the
dying man diverted the attention of
those who were in the room, so that
Owen was able to secure his treasure
and depart unnoticed.

A MODERN HAMLET.

Wherein Hawthorne Was Akin to
the Melancholy Dane.

Certain characteristics of Hawthorne
are, of course, indisputable, and it is
not fantastic to add that some of these
qualities bear a curious resemblance to
those of that very Prince of Denmark
who seems more real to us than do
most living men. Hawthorne was a
gentleman; in body the mold of form,
and graced with a noble mind. Like
Hamlet, he loved to discourse with un-
lettered people, with wandering artists,
with local humorists, although without
ever losing his own dignity and inviolable
reserve. He had irony for the pre-
tentious, kindness for the simple heart-
ed, merciless wit for the fools. He
liked to speculate about men and wom-
en, about temptation and sin and pun-
ishment, but he remained, like Hamlet,
clear sighted enough to distinguish be-
tween the thing in itself and the thing
as it appeared to him in his solitude
and melancholy. His closest friends,
like Horatio Bridge and William D.
Ticknor, were men of marked jus-
tice and sanity of mind—of the true
Horatio type. Hawthorne was capable,
if need be, of passionate and swift ac-
tion, for all his gentleness and exquisite
courtesy of demeanor. Toward the
last he had, like Hamlet, his forebod-
ings—"such a kind of gain giving as
would perhaps trouble a woman"—
and he died, like Hamlet, in silence,
conscious of an unfinished task.—Bliss
Perry in Atlantic.

Reason For Marrying.

They were talking about a friend of
hers who had married a bishop station-
ed in Kamelaita or Timbaktu or
some other heathen land.
"I never could understand why she
married him," said the young woman.
"She seemed the last girl on earth to
marry a bishop. She cared so much
more for having a good time than she
did for church work and sewing cir-
cles."
"Girls are pretty wise nowadays,"
said the young man, "and they gener-
ally have a good reason for marrying the
way they do. A girl friend of mine
married a doctor so she could always
be well for nothing, and maybe this
girl married the bishop so she could
be good for nothing."—New York Trib-
une.

The Traitor's Stone.

A curious specimen of the famous
Traitor's stone of Rome is still pre-
served in England. It is a large round
piece of sandstone, much of the ap-
pearance of a millstone, with a few
apertures which make it bear a faint
resemblance to the human face. At
one period in Roman history it was
the custom to have all persons suspect-
ed of traitorous conduct place their
hands in the mouthlike opening. If
the stone bit their fingers the prisoners
were deemed guilty.

Japanese Prison Food.

The food given the prisoners in Ja-
panese prisons is in proportion to their
conduct and industry, the prisoners
who do not conduct themselves as they
should receiving a cake of rice, which
must last for seven days, while in the
case of the orderly prisoners the same
cake lasts only four days. The prison-
ers who conduct themselves properly
receive also a little horse meat and
potato or pea sauce with their meals.

They Go Together.

"And what are you going to do when
you're a man?" asked the visitor.
"I've been thinking," replied the
bright boy, "of starting an elephant
farm in Virginia."
"An elephant farm?"
"Certainly. Why not? They raise
peanuts there."—Philadelphia Press.

Fond of Children.

"The dog you sold me yesterday
would have eaten my little girl up this
morning if she had not been rescued."
"But you insisted on having a dog
that was fond of children."

The reason a man marries his sweet-
heart is because she is not like other
girls. The reason he divorces her is be-
cause she is.—Illinois State Journal.

Note books, receipt books, order
books, etc. Burdett's.

HUNG ON ENGINE, SAVED CHILD.

Locomotive Driver Performs Courage-
ous Feat In Rescuing Little
One From Track.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 9.—
"Cal" Kimble, engine driver of the
Delaware and Hudson passenger train
running between Carbondale and
Honesdale, yesterday morning saved
the life of the two-year-old child of
Terence Cummings, of Carbondale, in
a remarkable manner.

The train was twenty minutes late
nearing Carbondale and was going at
high speed when, rounding a curve,
Kimble saw the child sitting in the
middle of the track. It paid no atten-
tion to the shriek of the warning
whistle.

Then Kimble set the air brakes,
called to his fireman to watch the en-
gine and sprang through the cab win-
dow, having seen that the engine would
not stop before the child was reached.
He dashed along the running board
and flung himself over the pilot, hold-
ing on by one hand and leg to the lag-
staff. With other hand he grasped
the child's clothing, and drew it safely
up in his arms.

The engine stopped twenty feet far-
ther on. Kimble ran up the embank-
ment, placed the child in a yard and
went back to his engine.

Nurse Watermelons With Bottle to
Fatten Them.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 9.—All watermelon
growers and exhibitors at the World's
Fair who have the pride of their fields
in the Agricultural building or contem-
plate bringing them for exhibition are
advised to take to the woods from now
on until the end of the fair, as there
is a melon grower down in Oklahoma
who is preparing to take all scamps at
the fair in his line.

All records for giant melons will be
so badly broken that those now at the
fair will look like babies if his scheme
of fattening watermelons with milk
succeeds, according to Edgar B. Mar-
chant, executive commissioner for
Oklahoma. David Maxey, of Aline,
Okla., is the man who is nursing prize
melons with a milk bottle and coaxing
them to gorge themselves, just as a
turkey or pig is fattened for market.

The process of fattening melons is
altogether new, although a somewhat
similar method has been used before to
sweeten them. A bottle containing
sweet water is buried in the ground
when the melon is quite young, and a
thin wick leading from the bottle to
an incision in the tendril leading from
the melon. The water is thus trans-
ferred to the melon gradually by cap-
illary attraction and the meat of the
melon is said to become 20 per cent.
sweeter as a result.

Mr. Maxey, however, has discovered
the possibility of this peculiar process
and puts milk in the bottles, instead
of sweet water. The latter fluid, he
believes, will act with the same effect
upon the vegetable world as upon the
animal, and his neighbors are watching
the experiment with as much interest
as the ingenious inventor. The possi-
bilities of the scheme, if successful, are
unlimited. Uncle Sam may be made
responsible for a new era—the vegeta-
rian age.

Mrs. Emma Calve and the Boys' N. Y.
Symphony Orchestra.

Three of the brightest lads in the
Boys' Symphony Orchestra of New
York called on Mrs. Emma Calve at
the Metropolitan Opera House short-
ly before her departure for London
on the steamer St. Paul.

They entered the room bashfully
but the great mistress of song, the
incomparable Carmen, rose from her
seat and extended them a warm and
heartly welcome.

"We just come to say good bye,"
said the bravest of the delegation, hesi-
tatingly.

"So good of you, little gentlemen,"
said the great contralto. "Really I
am honored. I have heard you play
and really it was admirable. Some
day when you grow big you will come
to Europe and study with the great
masters. America is very good for
the preliminaries but Europe, my
dears, for the finishing—the perfec-
tions that dare the critics. I am go-
ing away now for good. I leave the
operatic stage. I enter comedy. Per-
haps I should have been in the drama
all along. Oh, we make mistakes, we
humans. Be careful, therefore, dear
little friends, to choose your path
carefully. I although in a measure
visited with success, am professionally
unsatisfied.

"Oh madam, to play well, is all
we want," spoke up the brave one.
"Then all is well," responded the
great woman kindly, "for if you boys
improve in proportion to what you
have already attained your futures
will be remarkable and blessed. I
bless you. Good bye."

Buy your lime, Cumberland, Port-
land cement, at J. L. Hall's Hard-
ware Store.

Your "want" is not important—to
anyone but yourself—until it has been
"put into type."

All of the latest telegraphic and
local news will be found in the West
Virginian.